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**PSC ISSUES CONSUMER ALERT ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
MANUFACTURED BY INDIANA COMPANY**

LINCOLN -- The Nebraska Public Service Commission today issued an alert to owners of recreational vehicles manufactured by an Indiana firm.

Dutchmen Manufacturing sent letters in late February to owners of units constructed by the company between June 2000 and November 2003, advising the owners that furnaces in the units possibly had been improperly installed. The letter directs owners to inspect their Dutchmen-made vehicles and report possible problems to a Dutchmen dealer.

At a recent meeting of the Public Service Commission, commissioners expressed concerns that many owners of the RVs may not have the expertise to determine whether installation was proper. The defect is in the installation of the furnace's exhaust vent. A defective exhaust vent could return furnace exhaust, including carbon monoxide, into the recreational vehicle. Carbon monoxide is a colorless and odorless gas not readily detected and may lead to serious injury or death.

"Owners of Dutchman vehicles should contact a Dutchmen dealer or the factory and ask for an inspection," PSC Chairman Jerry Vap of McCook said. "We have concerns about RV owners conducting their own inspections. It is very possible that an untrained eye might not recognize a defective installation where one exists."

Some Nebraska recreational vehicle dealers carry the Dutchmen brand. The defects exist in Dutchmen's Aerolite, Cub, Kodiak, Skamper, Four Winds and Dutchmen brand travel trailers and recreational vehicles with Suburban furnaces models NT20S, SF30, and SF30F.

The PSC's Housing and Recreational Vehicle Department periodically inspects recreational vehicle manufacturing plants as well as recreational vehicles offered for sale at dealer lots in Nebraska.

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